

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 5 to 9 and 12 and add new Claim 13 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A print control apparatus which can be connected to a server that generates print data on the basis of printer information and information to be printed, comprising:

an acquisition unit for acquiring printer information which includes non-ejection nozzle information pertaining to a non-ejection nozzle of a print head from a printer connected to said apparatus;

a transmission unit for transmitting information required to specify the information to be printed, and the printer information to the server;

a reception unit for receiving print data from the server as a response; and

a print control unit for controlling the printer to print the print data

wherein the server generates print data for perform printing without using a non-ejection nozzle based upon the non-ejection information acquired by said acquisition unit.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the server generates the print data for performing printing using a nozzle group having a greater number of nozzles among a first nozzle group and a second nozzle group separated by the non-ejection nozzle in the print head based upon the non-ejection nozzle information acquired by said acquisition unit

printer information contains at least one of the number of elements of a print head, an arrangement order of elements, a print system, and types of colors used.

3. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a display which is connected to a computer network, and displays data provided by a server connected to the computer network, and wherein a location of the information to be printed is transmitted to the server via a window which is displayed on said display and is provided by the server.

4. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein a print mode of the printer is input via the window which is displayed on said display, and the print mode is transmitted to the server together with the printer information.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2, wherein the server generates the print data so as to transmit null data to a nozzle group having a smaller number of nozzles ~~printer information contains information that pertains to a position of a non-ejection nozzle, and image data is generated to control the printer to form an image using nozzles except for the non-ejection nozzle.~~

6. (Currently Amended) A print system formed by connecting:
a print control apparatus of claim 1;

a server for generating print data for perform printing without using a non-ejection nozzle on the basis of printer data and information to be printed; and
a printer.

7. (Currently Amended) A print control method using a server that generates print data on the basis of printer information and information to be printed, comprising:

an acquisition step of acquiring printer information which includes non-ejection nozzle information pertaining to a non-ejection nozzle of a print head from a connected printer;

a transmission step of transmitting information required to specify the information to be printed, and the printer information to the server;

a reception step of receiving print data from the server as a response; and
a print control step of controlling the printer to print the print data,

wherein the server generates print data for perform printing without using a non-ejection nozzle based upon the non-ejection information acquired in said acquisition step.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer-executable program product
embodied in a computer-readable storage medium, comprising:

a code of an acquisition step of acquiring printer information which includes non-ejection nozzle information pertaining to a non-ejection nozzle of a print head from a connected printer;

a code of a transmission step of transmitting information required to specify the information to be printed, and the printer information to the server;

a code of a reception step of receiving print data from the server as a response; and

a code of a print control step of controlling the printer to print the print data, wherein the server generates print data for perform printing without using a non-ejection nozzle based upon the non-ejection information acquired in said acquisition step.

9. (Currently Amended) The computer-executable program product embodied in a computer-readable storage medium according to claim 8, wherein the server generates the print data for performing printing using a nozzle group having a greater number of nozzles among a first nozzle group and a second nozzle group separated by the non-ejection nozzle in the print head based upon the non-ejection nozzle information acquired in said acquisition step printer information contains at least one of the number of elements of a print head, an arrangement order of elements, a print system, and types of colors used.

10. (Currently amended) The computer-executable program product embodied in a computer-readable storage medium according to claim 8, wherein a location of the information to be printed is transmitted to the server via a window which is displayed on a display for displaying data provided by the server connected to a computer network and is provided by the server.

11. (Currently amended) The computer-executable program product embodied in a computer-readable storage medium according to claim 10, a print mode of the printer is input via the window which is displayed on the display, and the print mode is transmitted to the server together with the printer information.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer-executable program product embodied in a computer-readable storage medium according to claim [[8]] 9, wherein the server generates the print data so as to transmit null data to a nozzle group having a smaller number of nozzles ~~printer information contains information that pertains to a position of a non-ejection nozzle, and image data is generated to control the printer to form an image using nozzles except for the non-ejection nozzle.~~

13. (New) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
a notifying unit for notifying a printer that a unit paper feed amount is to be shortened by lines corresponding in number to a nozzle group having the smaller number of nozzles among the first nozzle group and the second nozzle group which are separated by the non-ejection nozzle, based upon the non-ejected nozzle information acquired by said acquisition unit.